

**EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2019**



**EL PASO, TEXAS**





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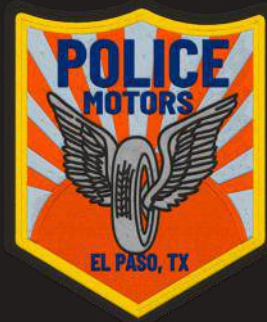
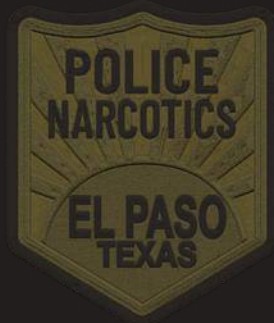
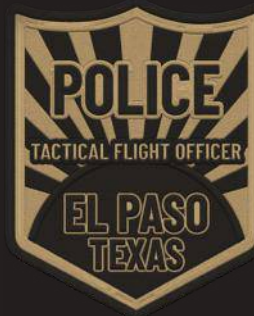




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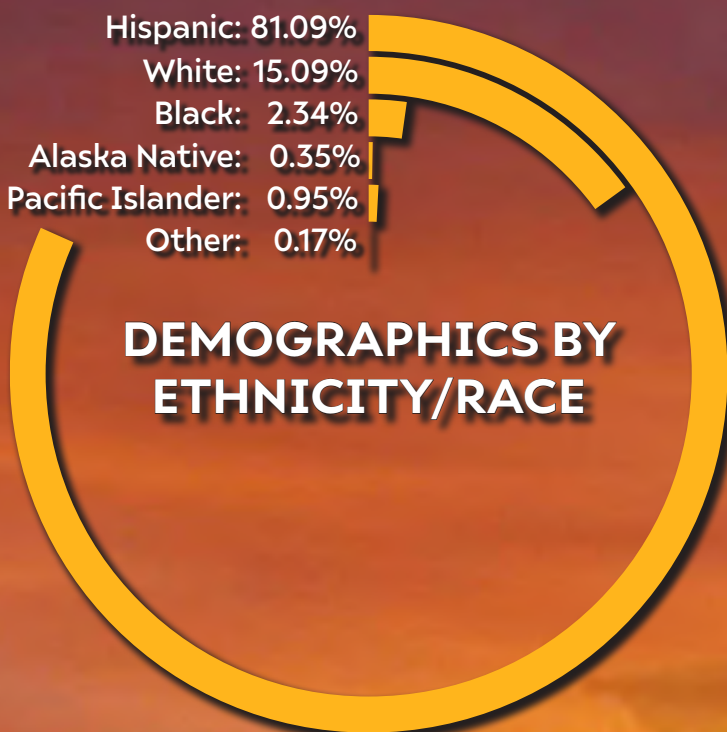


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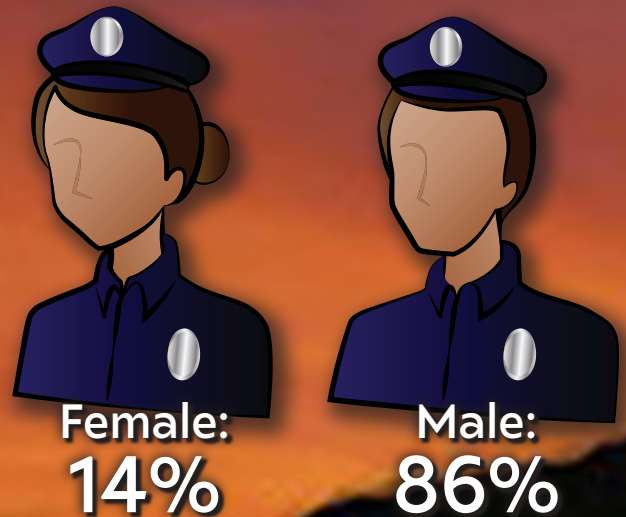
FOUNDED IN 1884

## MISSION

It is the mission of the El Paso Police Department to provide services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of El Paso.



## DEMOGRAPHICS BY GENDER



TOTAL NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL:

**1,153**

TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL:

**248**

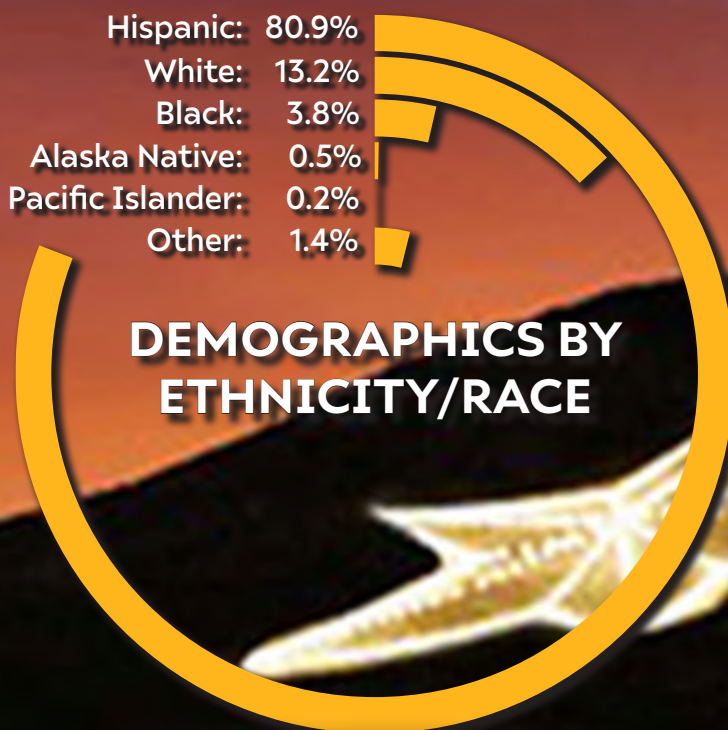


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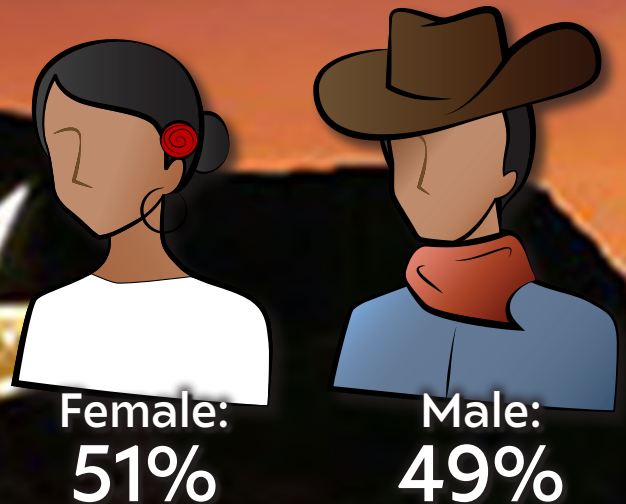
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## MISSION

Deliver outstanding service to support a high quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.



## DEMOGRAPHICS BY GENDER



## COUNTY OF EL PASO

POPULATION:

**840,758**

LAND SIZE:

**1,015<sub>SQ</sub> MI**

## CITY OF EL PASO

POPULATION:

**682,669**

LAND SIZE:

**255.24<sub>SQ</sub> MI**



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Fellow members of the El Paso Police Department,

Our community relies on us. All members of this department should take pride in committing themselves to fulfilling their duties in both ordinary and extraordinary circumstances.

This year, we experienced tragedy in our community. El Paso will always remember the crisis, but we also recognize the tremendous, tireless response by the El Paso Police Department. Where justice is required, this department provides that protection and service in exemplary ways. I am proud of each of you, including civilians and officers of all ranks and assignments.

Commitment to excellence and satisfaction in a job well done is fundamental to success. Despite the great impact that any crisis or incident may have on our community, those tragedies do not need to define us. Reflect on all the calls for service, tasks of day-to-day operations, events for fellowship and support, and the multitude of miscellaneous or indefinable aspects to our profession.

This year has shown us the worst of humanity, and yet the best of this Department. Together we will grow and prosper in a brighter future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Gregory K. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" being the most prominent.

**Chief of Police**  
**Gregory K. Allen**



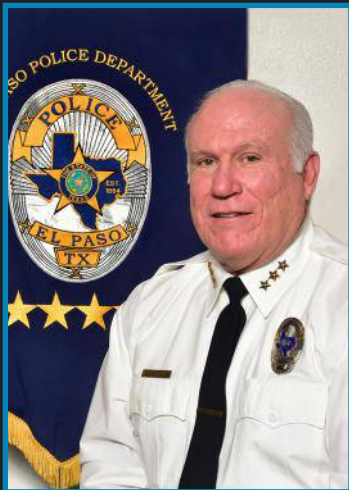






# EXECUTIVE STAFF

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**GREGORY K. ALLEN**



**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
**PETER PACILLAS**  
UNIFORM POLICE SERVICES II



**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
**PATRICK MALONEY**  
INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU



**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
**VICTOR ZARUR**  
UNIFORM POLICE SERVICES I



**ASSISTANT CHIEF**  
**ZINA SILVA**  
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
AUXILIARY SERVICES BUREAU



**ISAURA VALDEZ**  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



**CARLOS RAMIREZ**  
HUMAN RESOURCES



**LIEUTENANT**  
**JOHN H. LANAHAN III**  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS



# COMMAND STAFF



**COMMANDER  
PATRICK PELLETIER**  
MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION



**COMMANDER  
HUMBERTO TALAMANTES**  
ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION



**COMMANDER  
ROBERTO RAMOS**  
MISSION VALLEY



**COMMANDER  
THOMAS PENA**  
CENTRAL



**COMMANDER  
STEVEN LOPEZ**  
WESTSIDE



**COMMANDER  
JULIA INCIRIAGA**  
NORTHEAST



**COMMANDER  
JUAN BRIONES**  
PEBBLE HILLS



**LIEUTENANT  
GABRIEL PERALTA**  
PLANNING AND RESEARCH



**LIEUTENANT  
RICARDO MEDINA**  
AUXILIARY SERVICES



**LIEUTENANT  
ROBERT PISARCIK**  
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM



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KEN LAW**  
SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP



**LIEUTENANT  
JASON JOHNSON**  
TRAINING ACADEMY



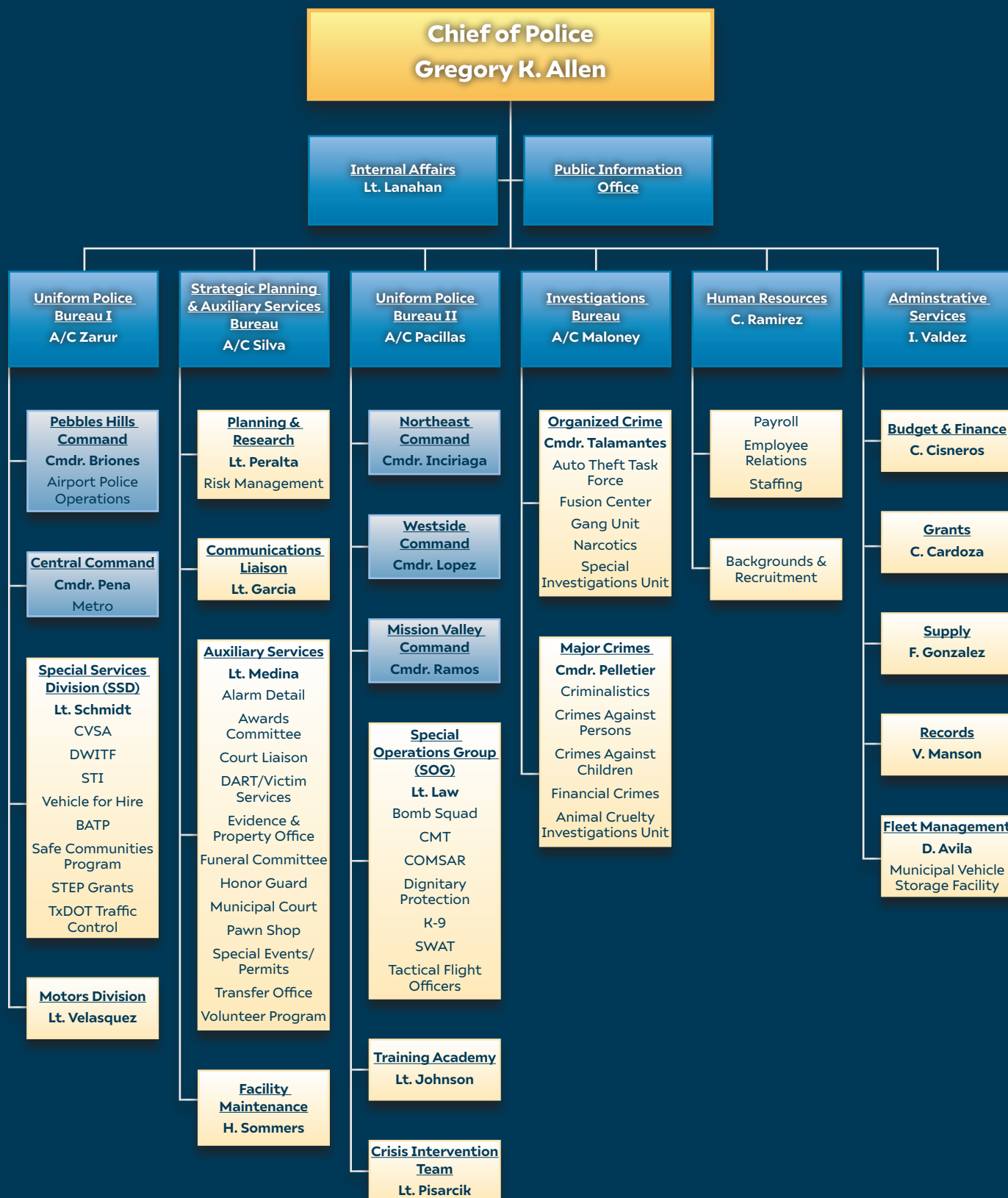
**LIEUTENANT  
STEVEN SCHMIDT**  
SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION



**LIEUTENANT  
JOSEPH GARCIA**  
COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON



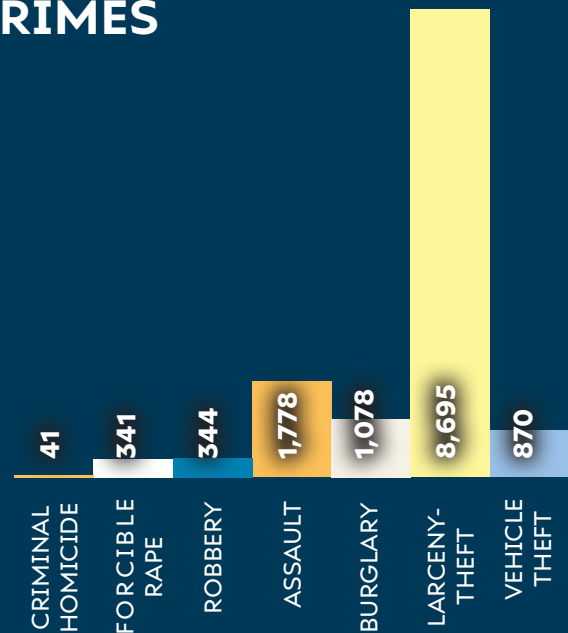
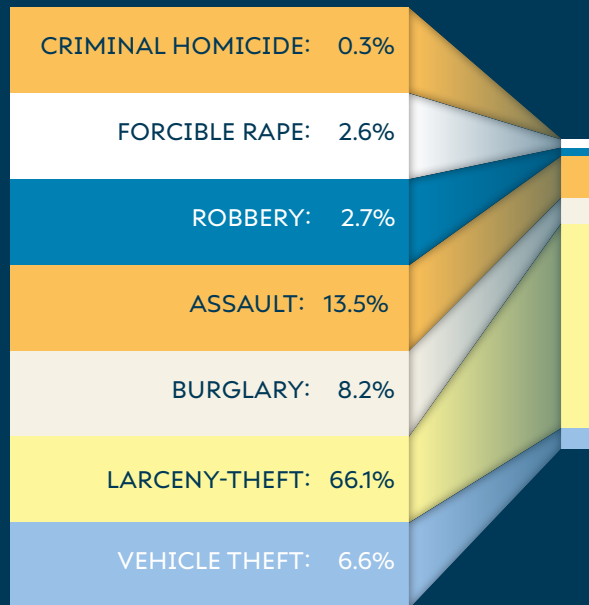
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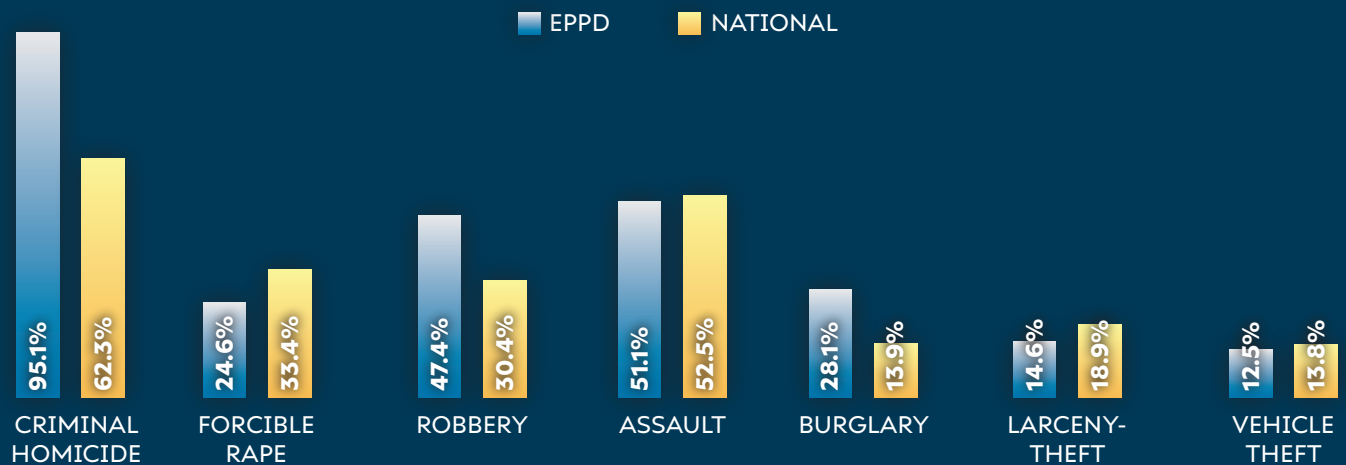
# 2019 STATISTICS

## PART ONE CRIMES

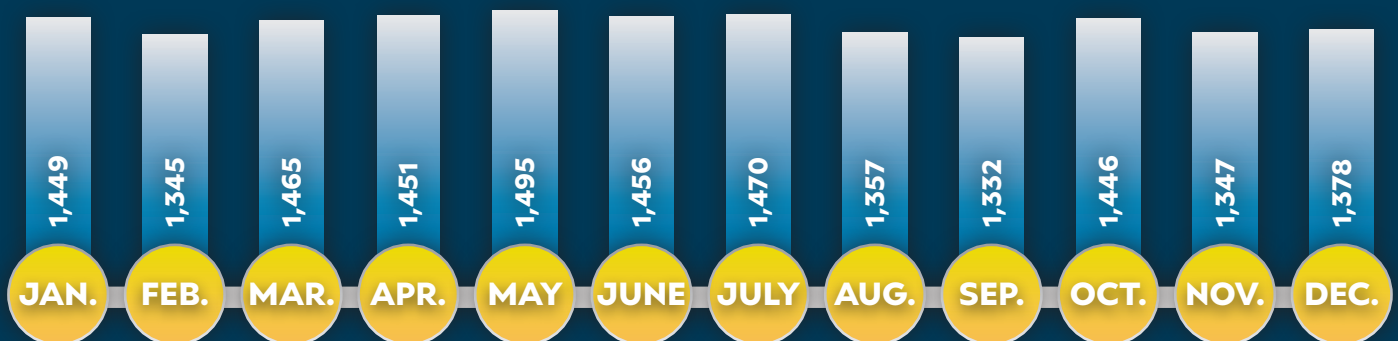


TOTAL CRIMES: 13,147

## PART ONE CRIMES CLEARANCE RATES

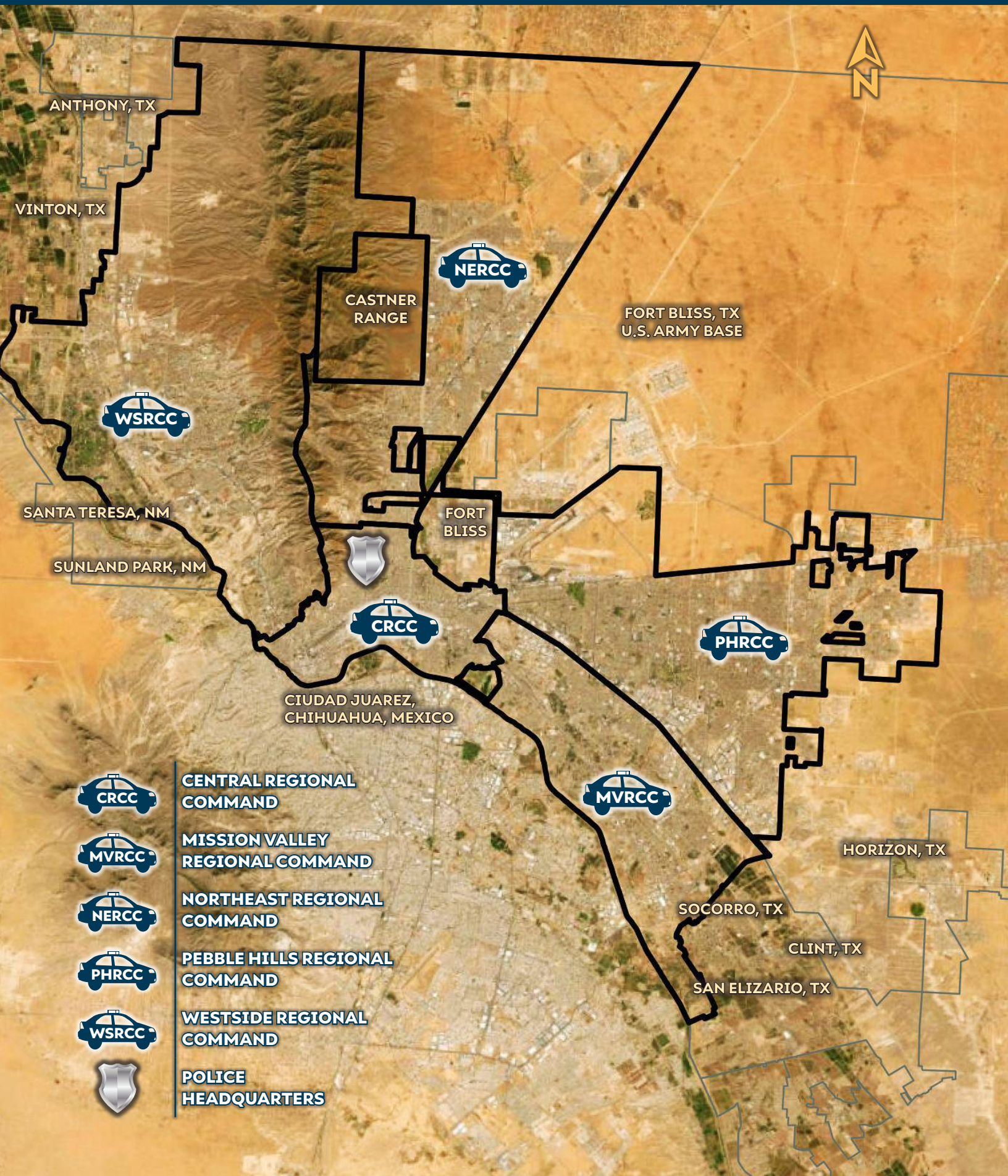


## NUMBER OF ARRESTS





# EL PASO POLICE REGIONAL COMMANDS





# WESTSIDE COMMAND



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

DISPATCHED EVENTS:

29,822



OFFICER INITIATED:

23,865



## INVESTIGATION & TACTICAL UNITS

CASES ASSIGNED:

2,780



CASES CLEARED:

1,184



## TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL



SWORN: 115



CIVILIAN: 5

POPULATION: 131,499

LAND SIZE: 91.34 SQ MI



Marquise at Westside Natatorium



# CENTRAL COMMAND



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

DISPATCHED EVENTS:

39,914



OFFICER INITIATED:

29,942



## INVESTIGATION & TACTICAL UNITS

CASES ASSIGNED:

3,590



CASES CLEARED:

1,317



## TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL



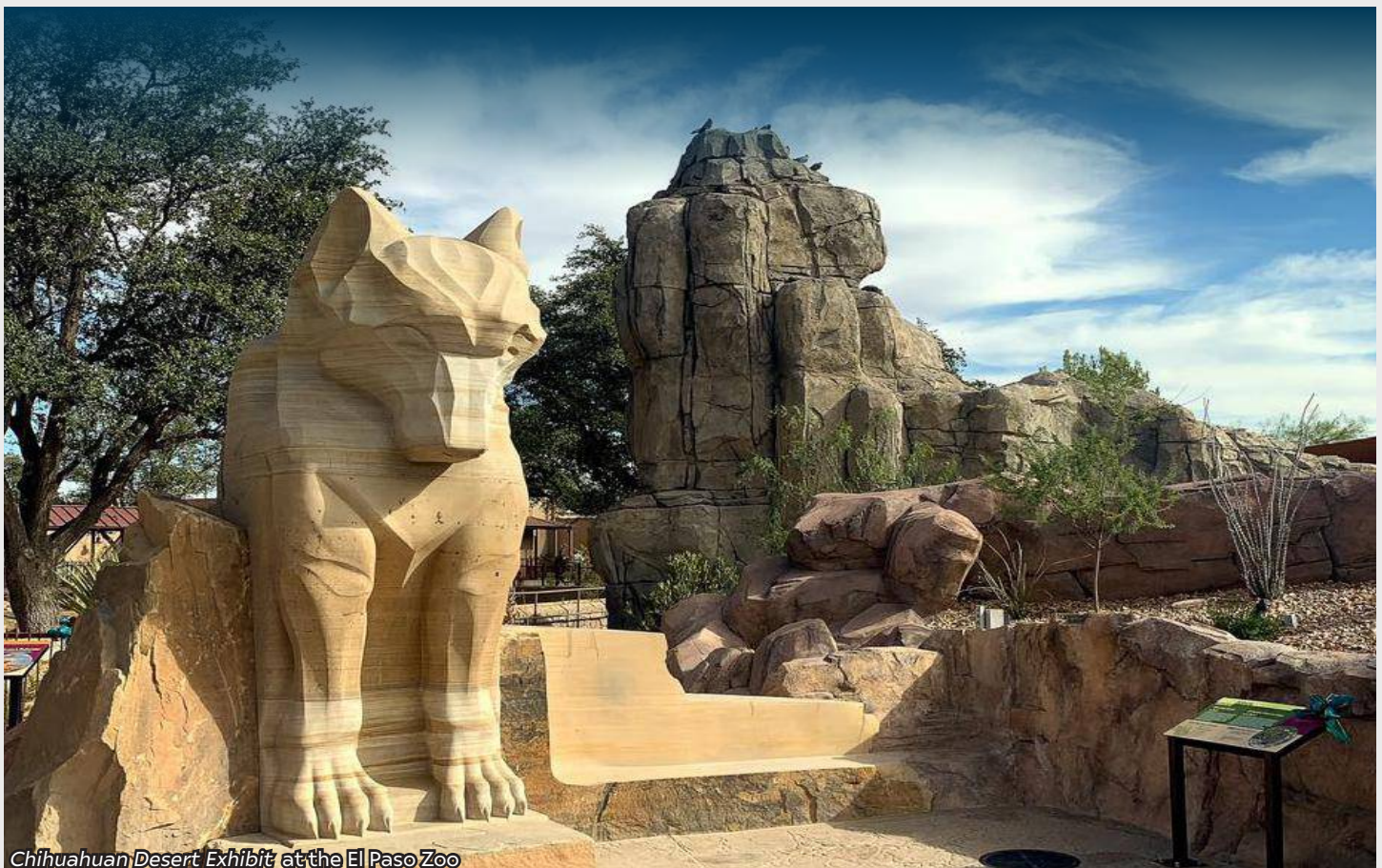
SWORN: 196



CIVILIAN: 21

POPULATION: 91,865

LAND SIZE: 17.15 SQ MI



Chihuahuan Desert Exhibit at the El Paso Zoo



# NORTHEAST COMMAND



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

DISPATCHED EVENTS:

**32,783**

OFFICER INITIATED:

**21,291**

## INVESTIGATION & TACTICAL UNITS

CASES ASSIGNED:

**3,686**

CASES CLEARED:

**2,179**

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL



SWORN: 129



CIVILIAN: 4

POPULATION: **126,769**LAND SIZE: **63.6** SQ MI

Poppy Fields on Chihuahuan Desert Trail



# MISSION VALLEY COMMAND



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

DISPATCHED EVENTS:

25,312



OFFICER INITIATED:

24,491



## INVESTIGATION & TACTICAL UNITS

CASES ASSIGNED:

2,175



CASES CLEARED:

1,071



## TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL



SWORN: 108



CIVILIAN: 6

POPULATION: 102,524      LAND SIZE: 29.73 SQ MI



Sun Pavilion at Blackie Chesher Park



# PEBBLE HILLS COMMAND



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

DISPATCHED EVENTS:

**51,339**

OFFICER INITIATED:

**25,901**

## INVESTIGATION & TACTICAL UNITS

CASES ASSIGNED:

**9,491**

CASES CLEARED:

**7,185**

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL



SWORN: 214



CIVILIAN: 8

POPULATION: **239,219**      LAND SIZE: **54.57** SQ MI



Pasajeros at Bicentennial Council Transit Operations Center





# DIVISIONS

POLICE

POLICE  
NARCOTICS  
EL PASO  
TEXAS



# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is a vital component to maintaining the community's trust and provides accountability within the El Paso Police Department. The Internal Affairs Division has the responsibility of conducting independent administrative investigations regarding allegations of misconduct or critical incidents involving members of the El Paso Police Department to determine the truth, whatever it may be, and report the facts in an effort to uphold and maintain the integrity of the El Paso Police Department.

Critical incidents include officer involved shootings, or any incident resulting in serious injury or death of a person, regardless of any allegations of misconduct. The duties of the Internal Affairs Division consist of interviewing involved citizens, witnesses, and involved officers to assure that the investigations are thorough and complete.

All sworn members of the Internal Affairs Division are assigned to the Shooting Review Team, which respond to officer involved shootings to include accidental discharge of a firearm, and animal shootings. A thorough administrative investigation is conducted by the Shooting Review Team, independent of review by Crimes Against Persons, and the Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers.

The Internal Affairs Division assures due process is afforded to all officers of the El Paso Police Department in the discipline process. In cases where a preponderance of the evidence is present in an administrative investigation, the Internal Affairs Division will be responsible for administering discipline when appropriate.

COMPLAINTS/CASES: 455	TASER INCIDENTS: 975
CASES ASSIGNED TO IAD: 166	CASES INVOLVING USE OF
COMPLAINTS/CASES CLOSED: 150	FORCE ALLEGATIONS: 170
USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS: 3,124	





# SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

## SPECIAL TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS (STI)

The STI section is an important function for the Department and for the citizens of El Paso. The STI section investigates all traffic-related deaths and conducts follow up investigations in hit-and-run cases. The STI unit will assist the Department and the City with traffic-related data for special research studies.



**FATALITIES INVESTIGATED: 72**  
**CASES ASSIGNED:**  
**(HIT-AND-RUN/DWI) 4,073**

**CASES CLEARED: 3,270**  
**CALL OUTS: 91**

## DWI TASK FORCE (DWITF)

It is the mission of the El Paso Police Department's DWI Task Force to locate those drivers on public roadways and highways that are operating vehicles intoxicated or impaired in an effort to keep the highways and roadways safe for all citizens to travel.



**ARRESTS: 1,747**  
**CITATIONS ISSUED: 4,307**

**FELONY: 232**  
**MISDEMEANOR: 1,515**

## SAFE COMMUNITIES SECTION

The Safe Communities Section is a liaison between the Police Department and the community. Safe Communities conducts educational traffic safety presentations on a monthly basis with the goal of educating and keeping the El Paso community safe.

**PRESENTATIONS: 167**





# MOTORS DIVISION

The Motors Division was created on July 31, 2019. Motor officers were decentralized from Headquarters Traffic and the five regional commands, and were then centralized at Police Headquarters for optimum efficiency. The 32 Motor units conduct a permanent Motor Surge Operation to contribute to the Department's Traffic Safety Plan and Traffic Safety Collaboration. They are assigned to a different region in the city daily to enforce areas where they could be highly visible to motorists and pedestrians. The units convey a message that the officers are conducting high intensity zero-tolerance enforcement, in order to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities, and to remove dangerous drivers from the streets. The areas of enforcement include high collision intersection locations, fatality locations, major thoroughfares, and major traffic hot spots requested by the regional commands. The division conducts traffic control and motor escorts for special events such as dignitary escorts, runs, races, marches, oversized vehicle escorts, and funeral detail honor escorts. Many of the Motors officers instruct traffic procedures at in- and pre-service training, participate in special United Traffic Enforcement operations with agencies such as the Texas Department of Public Safety, and conduct frequent community outreach presentations.





# MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

The Crimes Against Persons Unit is composed of 14 detectives, six officers, three sergeants, and one lieutenant. The Crimes Against Persons Unit investigates the following cases: Murder, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Kidnapping, Robbery, Sexual Assault, Assault, Juvenile Kidnappings, all Missing Persons, all Death investigations, Injury to a Child where the child expires, and Cold Case Unit assignments.



**CASES ASSIGNED: 1,312**

**CASES CLEARED: 970**

**CALL OUTS: 182**

**COMMUNITY  
PRESENTATIONS: 11**

### SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRY

**CASES ASSIGNED: 17**

**CASES CLEARED: 17**

## CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The Crimes Against Children Unit is made up of 14 highly trained and dedicated detectives, two sergeants, and one lieutenant. The unit investigates the following child related cases: Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Injury to a Child, Indecency with a Child, Improper Photography, Voyeurism, Indecent Assault (juvenile cases), Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student, Sale/Distribution or Display of Harmful Material to a Minor, Sexual Performance by a Child, Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, Unlawful Restraint under 17, and Abandoning or Endangering a Child.



**REVIEWED CRIMINAL CASES: 1,134**

**CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES: 904**

**CASES EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED: 76**

**CASES CLEARED BY ARREST: 58**

**CASES PRESENTED NON-ARREST: 74**

**CASES UNFOUNDED: 192**

**CALL OUTS: 79**

**SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED: 3**

**PHYSICAL ARRESTS: 58**

**CPS CASES REVIEWED: 5,340**



## CRIMINALISTICS

Criminalistics is that profession and scientific discipline directed to the recognition, identification, individualization, and evaluation of physical evidence by application of the natural sciences to law-science matters. Criminalistics is composed of the Crime Scene Unit, the Latent Unit, and the Photo Lab.



**CRIME SCENES PROCESSED:** 2,460

**MAJOR CALL OUTS:** 36

**CRIMINAL PACKAGES PROCESSED:** 42,494

**CASES-LATENT EVIDENCE SUBMITTED:** 1,760

**LATENT FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED:** 15,375

**LATENT FINGERPRINTS COMPARED:** 4,370

**LATENT FINGERPRINTS IDENTIFIED:** 1,894

**SUBMITTED TO A.F.I.S.:** 4,238

## FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

The Financial Crimes Unit is composed of the White Collar Crimes, Identity Theft, Internet Crimes Against Persons, Special Victims, Fugitives, Cyber Lab, and the Animal Cruelty Investigations Unit. Members of the unit are also part of several task forces to include the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, and U.S. Secret Service Task Force.

### FINANCIAL CRIMES

**CASES ASSIGNED:** 675

**CASES CLEARED:** 738

**CALL OUTS:** 29



### ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

**CASES ASSIGNED:** 196

**CASES CLEARED:** 262

**CALL OUTS:** 30

**JUVENILE ARRESTS:** 1

**ACIU TIP LINE CALLS:** 715

**WARRANTS EXECUTED:** 66

**WARRANTS OUTSTANDING:** 23





# ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION

## AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE (ATTF)

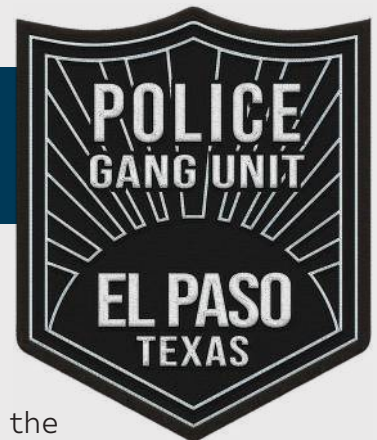


CASES ASSIGNED: 1,527	CALL OUTS: 29
CASES CLEARED: 1,017	VEHICLES RECOVERED: 760
ADULT ARRESTS: 230	VALUE OF RECOVERED VEHICLES: \$9,663,056
JUVENILE DETENTIONS: 9	

The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force specializes in investigating motor vehicle crimes throughout the City and County of El Paso, Texas. The task force receives grant funding from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) and is the only Auto Theft Task Force for the far western part of the State of Texas. The task force investigates theft of motor vehicles, thefts of auto parts, forgery of motor vehicle titles, vehicle insurance fraud, and recovery of stolen vehicles. The task force serves as a liaison with Mexican authorities and assists with the repatriation of recovered U.S. stolen vehicles back into the U.S. from Mexico. The task force has a Crime Awareness Section that is responsible for providing education and public awareness at events to the public (i.e. schools, colleges, civic organizations, citizen police academies, and other law enforcement agencies). The task force also conducts salvage yard inspections, southbound border checks at the U.S. Ports of Entry for stolen vehicles, 68-A inspections of salvage vehicles, assists with vehicle arson investigations, and provides department training on auto theft investigations.

## GANG UNIT

CASES ASSIGNED: 840	CALL OUTS: 33
CASES CLEARED: 710	ADULT ARRESTS: 806



The El Paso Police Department's Gang Unit currently is made up of 15 suppression officers and two sergeants. There are 16 investigators and one sergeant with two investigators assigned to the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Plan (SHOCAP). The Gang Unit is housed at the Texas Anti-Gang Center. The Gang Unit works closely with the FBI, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Homeland Security Intelligence, and the District Attorney's Office. The Gang Unit is responsible for investigating serious offenses to include Aggravated Assaults, Aggravated Assaults with Deadly Weapons, Discharge of a Firearm, Deadly Conduct, and Murder. In 2019, the Gang Unit had a total of 806 arrests, conducted over 3,000 traffic stops, executed 33 search warrants, and recovered 44 weapons. The Gang Unit responded to 33 call outs throughout the year and assisted Crimes Against Persons with several high profile murders. The unit also works closely with the El Paso Police Department's Narcotics Unit to identify specific gang members and utilizes confidential informants to assist with taking down targets.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)

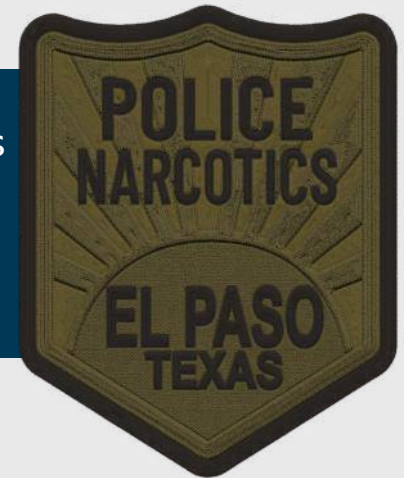


**CASES ASSIGNED: 81   CASES CLEARED: 15   CALL OUTS: 58**

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) consists of one sergeant, six detectives, and three officers. SIU duties include management of the Department's access control, State Homeland grants, and investigation of bomb threats, hate crimes, terrorist activity, subversive and anti-government groups and individuals. SIU also investigates allegations of criminal conduct by public officials, public safety employees, City employees, and City employees acting under the scope of their authority, and criminal allegations involving Department employees. SIU monitors the criminal activity of subversive, anti-government criminal groups and individuals, evaluates operational security measures for the Department, and conducts threat and risk assessments for the City of El Paso's Office of Emergency Management.

In 2019, SIU provided over 30 Active Shooter/Attacker presentations to over 1,000 citizens, private sector partners and the City of El Paso Department of Public Health. SIU also conducted over 20 site threat assessments exposing potential vulnerabilities during soft target events. SIU actively participated in monitoring multiple highly publicized demonstrations ensuring the safety of the participants and the general public. This year, SIU was able to secure grant funding in the amount of \$389,744 used to equip the Department's special teams of SWAT, CMT, COMSAR, Bomb Squad, and K-9 with the necessary equipment to prevent, respond, and mitigate terrorist events.

## NARCOTICS UNIT



### ARRESTS

<b>FELONY:</b> 391	<b>MARIJUANA SEIZED:</b> 3,347.40 LBS
<b>MISDEMEANOR:</b> 124	<b>COCAINE SEIZED:</b> 348 LBS
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS:</b> 515	<b>HEROIN SEIZED:</b> 82 LBS
<b>CURRENCY SEIZED:</b> \$1,185,957.20	<b>METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZED:</b> 252 LBS

The Narcotics Unit is an essential and important part of the Department. The specialized unit disrupts drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) by targeting the shipment, storage, repackaging, preparation, and distribution of narcotics. The Narcotics Unit works closely with the Fusion Center, Investigative Support Center, and the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC).

### NARCOTICS K-9

<b>MARIJUANA SEIZED:</b> 2,798.94 LBS	<b>THC SEIZED:</b> 46.43 LBS
<b>COCAINE SEIZED:</b> 196.46 LBS	<b>CURRENCY SEIZED:</b> \$1,613,203
<b>METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZED:</b> 278.78 LBS	

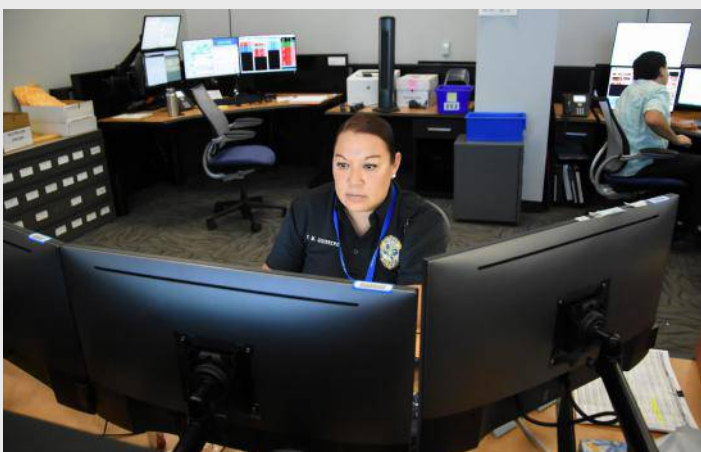
# ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION

## MATRIX FUSION CENTER

The MATRIX Fusion Center is an all-crimes/all-hazards tactical information and intelligence hub for the El Paso Police Department and the surrounding region. The Fusion Center is one of 80 fusion centers across the country and one of only eight in Texas. The center is operated on a 24/7 basis to quickly respond to any intelligence related requests from over 40 of our local, state, federal, and tribal partners. The Fusion Center concept was designed to facilitate the sharing of intelligence information among all of our partner agencies.

The Fusion Center provided critical, real-time intelligence and analysis during the tragic shooting in El Paso on August 3, 2019. This information was shared not only with our local partners but across the county for situational awareness purposes. The Fusion Center was recognized by the Under Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for their efforts during and after the events of August 3.

The Fusion Center is currently in the process of expanding the City Watch camera program to allow the center real-time access to business and residential security camera systems throughout the city. This program supplements the private business/citizen registration system and will increase the ability to provide instant intelligence as events are occurring.





# CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

The El Paso Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) was formed in October 2018. In February 2019, Emergence Health Network (EHN) deployed their specialists to ride in the patrol cars with CIT officers to collaboratively and effectively meet the needs of persons with mental illnesses in the El Paso community. In 2019, the 14 CIT officers and their EHN partners have responded to over 6,000 calls for service, including dispatched calls and requests from patrol on the scene of a mental health related call.

During 2019, the Crisis Intervention Team made contact with over 1,200 persons who were in a mental health crisis. Most persons in crisis were provided mental health services after placing them under an Emergency Detention Order. CIT has also had contact with over 195 people who were transported to an appropriate mental health facility and were not placed under an emergency detention. The El Paso Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team continues to strive to provide professional and excellent service to the population they serve through continuing education and community involvement, which is the cornerstone of success.



**EMERGENCY DETENTION ORDERS PROCESSED: 1,321**  
**MENTAL HEALTH REPORTS COMPLETED: 666**





# SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP



## SWAT

### High Risk Warrants

Served: 17

Barricaded Incidents: 10

SWAT Unit

Activations: 66

Training Hours

Completed: 73,662



## HAZARDOUS DEVICES TECHNICIANS

Call Outs: 71

### Types of Call Outs:

- Military Ordinance
- Suspicious Packages
- Post-Blast Investigations
- SWAT High Risk Warrants
- SWAT Barricaded Subjects
- Assist with Federal Search Warrants

### Items Defused or Retrieved:

- IEDs rendered safe
- Military ordinance
- Commercial explosives, commercial fireworks

Training Hours Completed: 7,594



## COMBINED SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

Call Outs: 26

Rescues: 11

### Types of Call Outs:

- 5 Lost Parties
- 5 Injured Parties
- 1 Suicidal Subject
- 1 Body Recovery
- 14 Area Searches for Body Recovery

Training Hours Completed: 2,696





**DIGNITARY PROTECTION**

Operations: 32  
 Training Hours  
 Completed: 2,280

**K-9**

Patrol Calls: 2,576  
 Observed Calls: 570  
 Vehicles Checked: 627  
 Narcotics Searches: 408  
 Building Searches: 85  
 Area Searches: 22  
 Training Hours  
 Completed: 5,680

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Deployments: 41  
 CMT works with SWAT  
 on:  
 • Suicide  
 • Sniper  
 • Barricaded Subjects  
 • Hostage Situations  
 • High Risk Warrants  
 Training Hours Completed: 4,712

**TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICERS**

Joint Effort with Texas  
 Department of Public  
 Safety Aviation  
 Flights Flown: 508  
 Hours Flown: 1,048  
 Number of Events: 742  
 Suspects Located: 712  
 Criminal Arrests: 306  
 Number of Calls: 508  
 Training Hours Completed: 224



# TRAINING ACADEMY

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The Training Academy is at the forefront of law enforcement training. In 2019, the El Paso Police Training Academy trained 23,786 personnel, delivered 413 separate department courses, and completed 91,984 hours of training. The El Paso Police Department also sponsors the telecommunicators for the City of El Paso and provided training to 320, delivered 25 department courses, and completed 4,381 training hours. This feat was reached through the perseverance and goal-oriented Academy staff that is made up of both sworn and civilian personnel.



In March, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) conducted a Credentialing Audit on the El Paso Police Department. This state audit was facilitated by the Training Division at the Academy, and resulted in a 100% compliance audit rating. The Training Division also received accolades from the TCOLE auditor and recognition for their success during the 2019 TCOLE Conference held in Corpus Christi, Texas.

During the year, the El Paso Police Training Academy, not only ensured the Department's sworn personnel maintained State compliance with the CITP course, but also provided this course to the Commission for Texas Peace Officers from other agencies, such as the El Paso, Canutillo, and Socorro Independent School District Police Departments, Texas Department of Public Safety, and other surrounding local law enforcement agencies.

By fostering this type of cooperative training relationship with our surrounding law enforcement agencies, the Training Academy has continued to create an environment where law enforcement officers from outside our agency frequently seek admission into our department courses to further their policing and investigative skills. In September, the Training Academy held a Detective Course, which was attended by more than 70 investigators and consisted of our department personnel, surrounding local law enforcement agencies, the Fire Marshal's Office and also included out of state agencies, like Doña Ana Sheriff's Office and Las Cruces Police Department.

The El Paso Police Training Academy strives to deliver current, scholarly, and skill-enhancing training to the great men and women who serve the City of El Paso.



# GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2019



START DATE: 6/25/2018

APPLIED: 1,581

STARTED THE ACADEMY: 63

GRADUATION: 1/22/2019

PASSED WRITTEN EXAM: 488

GRADUATED: 51

PASSED PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: 341



START DATE: 1/28/2019

APPLIED: 2,716

STARTED THE ACADEMY: 72

GRADUATION: 9/09/2019

PASSED WRITTEN EXAM: 791

GRADUATED: 62

PASSED PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: 529



# PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Throughout 2019, Public Information Officers interacted daily with members of the media and the community to provide timely and reliable important information. Over 220 press releases were posted on the Department's web page from which the media obtained information for news stories. Additionally, dozens of individual on-camera interviews were given to the local media for enterprise stories related to police matters or for more in-depth coverage on posted press releases. Frequent requests from local,



regional outlets, and national media for data on crime statics and police topics are handled or referred to open records if more extensive research is required. Every day, assorted calls and emails involving questions, concerns, complaints, compliments, and crime tips, are fielded and either resolved by the Public Information Officers or forwarded to the appropriate unit supervisors. Public Information Officers respond to murder scenes, SWAT call outs, officer involved shootings, and other assorted high profile cases of public interest in order to provide news media information through on camera interviews. In 2019, Instagram was added to our platforms of social media. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram were used to further relay information such as public service announcements, community events, critical information, or the sharing of important information from other entities.

**PRESS RELEASES: 364**

**SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS: 3,869**

**FACEBOOK: 238**

**INSTAGRAM: 40**

**TWITTER: 3,409**

**YOUTUBE: 2**

**NEWS CONFERENCES: 5**

**SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS: 138,205**

**FACEBOOK: 62,640**

**INSTAGRAM: 8,198**

**TWITTER: 67,000**

**YOUTUBE: 367**



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## CRIME STOPPERS

**SUBJECTS ARRESTED: 72**

**CASES CLEARED: 144**

**NARCOTICS RECOVERED: \$9,060**

**PROPERTY RECOVERED: \$25,540**

**REWARDS ISSUED: \$28,350**

Since 1978, Crime Stoppers of El Paso has carried out a community offensive against crime by motivating the public to report information about any criminal activity through their anonymous crime reporting platforms. Tips provided by the public have led to 4,450 arrests, 5,707 cleared cases, four million dollars in property recovered, and one million dollars in rewards have been issued.



# PLANNING AND RESEARCH/ RISK MANAGEMENT

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The Planning and Research/Risk Management Division is responsible for research and preparation of complex and in-depth reports, audits, and projects involving department statistical information, policy, and procedures. The division is held to high standards to produce quality data, information, and resources for decision makers in order to improve the function of the organization. Planning and Research is in charge of producing reports requested by the city council, city managers, and other citywide and out-of-town entities. Planning and Research is also responsible for tracking the performance of the Department as to how it meets or exceeds the goals set out by the Chief of Police and the City Manager's Office.

This year, Planning and Research merged with Risk Management to maximize efficiency within the Department. Risk Management focuses on compliance, audits, inspections, and risk assessment. The division is also in charge of the Watchguard system that manages all body worn camera files and dashcam footage for the Department.

Among the innumerable tasks delegated to Planning and Research, another duty handled is the staffing management for both the civilians and uniformed officers. During 2019, the division has transferred, retired, promoted, and welcomed 495 uniformed positions and 121 civilian positions with staffing movements, to include the 124th and 125th Academy classes. Promotions fall under the division as well, and the year saw the promotions of three lieutenants, six sergeants, and eight detectives.

The division is essential for providing accurate and updated research and policy for the Department in their efforts to provide professional and services to the community of El Paso.



# AUXILIARY SERVICES

## UNIT OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

During the year of 2019, Auxiliary Services was restructured. Auxiliary has seen its responsibility grow exponentially with the recent additions of the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), Funeral Committee/Warrant Officer, Honor Guard and Bagpipes, Awards Committee, Sports Committee, and Seizure Officer.

### BALLISTICS INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The El Paso Police Department's Ballistics Intelligence Unit (B.I.U.) has been months in the making and it's nearing its final phase of development. B.I.U. will focus on using NIBIN and E-Trace for the timely collection, management, and analysis of crime gun evidence (i.e., expended cartridge cases and firearms) to identify shooters, disrupt criminal activity, and prevent future violence. The El Paso Police Department's Ballistics Intelligence Unit will consist of two officers supervised by a sergeant and lieutenant. They will be an on-call unit available to respond to citywide incidents. Personnel have received training from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).





## HONOR GUARD, BAGPIPES, AND PERCUSSION SECTION



Auxiliary Services acquired the responsibilities of Honor Guard and Bagpipes Section. In addition, Auxiliary recently began forming the EPPD Percussion section detail. Over the past year, Honor Guard has been tasked to respond and assist in 33 various events, be it City-sponsored or for officer funerals. The Honor Guard, Bagpipes, and Percussion sections have seen a growth in members to a total of 41. The Honor Guard is broken

down to three platoons: Red, White, & Blue. Bagpipes and Percussion are a stand alone platoon. Each team is rotated per event in order to attempt to alleviate the burden on patrol functions. The team has been outfitted with new uniforms, shotguns, and drums.



## COMMUNICATIONS

The primary function of the El Paso Police Department's Communications Division is maintaining radio communications capability. The division maintains the radios for police officers and their police vehicles. The division also works to link with other law enforcement agencies to strengthen communication in the City of El Paso. The division assists with open records requests related to communications as well.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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## RECORDS

The skilled civilians, officers, and supervisors of the Records Division collect, process, maintain, and distribute police reports and crime records, as well as provide other timely and accurate information services to the Department and external customers. Additionally, the division trains and assists sworn officers in operating and updating the Records Management System.

Records utilizes a modern generation of automated systems for managing documents and data. In 2019, these systems allowed members of the public to file 4,635 non-emergency reports through the internet online portal. Many of those reports received follow-up investigation. The GovQA software for the streamlined receiving and tracking of requests for information on the internet was added in December 2019.

During the last year, the division issued more than 4,432 responses to Public Information Act requests, 327 court subpoenas, and over 8,722 information request responses to law enforcement and other government agencies. Our external customers received over 34,000 copies of incident, accident, and other reports from five public records service counters throughout the city at EPPD Regional Command Centers. The Archive Team created electronic image files by scanning 164,844 pages of paper supplemental case documents.

Records Specialists completed background checks, issued criminal history letters, and conducted security and access screening for more than 7,000 individual people. The division maintained the accuracy and integrity of police reporting and crime recordkeeping by completing 262 court ordered expunctions and 663 criminal record sealings. Records Specialists compile and submit the FBI's State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) to the State each month. In September, the division also transitioned the UCR program in EPPD to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System (known as NIBRS), in advance of the FBI's national final target date of January 2021.

The Telephone Reporting Unit provides an alternative method for community members to report non-emergency incidents and minor accidents, eliminating the need for dispatching police officers to make those reports. In 2019, Telephone Report Takers answered more than 21,000 calls, and created 12,678 police reports.

## GRANTS

The Grants Division provides sound financial management to promote efficient and effective use of PD grant funds. During fiscal year 2019, the El Paso Police Department received 8.4 million dollars in grants which helped support a wide range of law enforcement activities. This division is made up of two accountants, a project accountant, a senior accountant, a senior planner, a HIDTA administrator, and a grant project manager. The division is responsible for seeking grant funding, preparing grant applications, monitoring programs to ensure grant compliance, accounting for expenditures, and preparing reimbursement requests.



## ABANDONED AUTO UNIT

The El Paso Police Department's Abandoned Auto Unit is much more than tagging and impounding abandoned vehicles throughout the city of El Paso. This unit is comprised of three tow truck operators, two property and evidence specialists, and one law enforcement officer, who are vital to the oversight of the Municipal Vehicle Storage Facility (MVSF) and to the enforcement of various city ordinances.

Due to the ever growing population of El Paso, the Abandoned Auto Unit is vital in keeping the streets of El Paso clean and free from vehicles that should otherwise not be congesting the streets and in violation of city ordinances. On a daily basis, the unit's tow truck operators go out into the public notifying and impounding vehicles while assisting the El Paso Police Department. Last year the tow truck operators impounded 232 vehicles off the El Paso city streets and transferred 394 vehicles for the El Paso Police Department.

United Road Towing (URT) is an entity contracted by the City of El Paso to oversee the operation and management of the El Paso Police Department's MVSF. The MVSF operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. URT stores all the vehicles impounded by the El Paso Police Department and conducts auctions on a monthly basis.

The officer on staff with the Abandoned Auto Unit is responsible for conducting 68-A VIN inspections for the Police Department and the El Paso public to establish the vehicle's true identity. The officer clears vehicles of any contraband ensuring the safety of the staff and public, in addition, prepares paperwork for asset forfeiture vehicles, and assists when a police presence is needed. The Abandoned Auto Unit and MVSF are overseen by the Abandoned Auto Unit Supervisor who is responsible for the staff and oversees the day-to-day operations to ensure the facility runs smoothly. The Abandoned Auto Unit Supervisor acts as a liaison between the El Paso Police Department, the City of El Paso, and URT.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

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The El Paso Police Department's Human Resources Section consists of an Employee Relations and Staffing Unit, a Payroll Unit, and a Backgrounds and Recruiting Unit. The Employee Relations and Staffing Unit assists supervisors and employees with workplace concerns and conducts civilian and uniformed employee recruitments in order to fill vacancies through new hires and employee promotions. The Payroll Unit assists all department employees in various aspects of their payroll to ensure accurate and timely paychecks while adhering to collectively bargained provisions and city policies and procedures. The Backgrounds and Recruiting Unit is responsible for the recruitment and background research of police officer applicants to fill police academies as well as the background research of all city employees, vendors, and contractors in positions that require Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) access.

# NEW INITIATIVES

## FARO 3D SCENE DIAGRAMMING SCANNER

The El Paso Police Department has come a long way with new modern technology. When it comes to documenting crime scenes, the department recently used confiscated funds to purchase a 3D diagramming scanner known as a Faro Focus “S” series Laser Scanner. Unlike other measuring devices, such as the total stations that diagrams scenes by shooting hundreds of data points, the Faro Laser Scanner has the capability of shooting almost one million data points (called 3D point clouds) per second. Upon completion of diagramming scenes with the Faro Laser Scanner, it documents the scene with over a trillion points of data and information. A scene drawing or diagram is composed of millions of points that compose a 3D rendering of the scene with an accuracy error of plus or minus one millimeter. The 3D point clouds then can then be used to produce lifelike 3D realistic diagrams and animations to document the scenes. These can later be delivered as visually compelling testimony to use in court. Digital walk-through animations through the point clouds can be used to see just how the scene looked when it was scanned. The Faro Scanner ultimately is used to capture, analyze and deliver the data of the scene that can later aid to prove or disprove a crime. The El Paso Police Department now also has two Crime Scene Officers who are certified Faro instructors and are one of the only two certified instructors within a 300 mile radius.



## NARCOTIC DUCTLESS FUME HOODS



The El Paso Police Department ensured their officers are well protected against exposure to narcotics by installing new Narcotic Ductless Fume Hoods. The fume hoods were placed at each of the five regional commands and also at the Gang Center. One of the main reasons the Narcotic Fume Hoods were installed is the drug Fentanyl, which is “50 to 100 times more powerful than Morphine” according to the Center for Disease Control. Drugs as strong as Fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled accidentally if handled and/or tested in an uncontrolled environment, such as a traffic stop. By transporting the possible narcotic to a Narcotics Ductless Fume Hood location, the officer can safely and effectively test the narcotic without the risk of possible exposure. The Narcotics Ductless Fume Hood is just another solution to keeping officers

safe and ensuring they go home to their families at the end of their shift.





**GRAND CANDELA - DEDICATED IN HONOR OF THE VICTIMS OF AUGUST 3RD**

# EL PASO STRONG

August 3, 2019, a day that will be cemented in El Paso's and the United States' history. A day when tragedy struck and claimed the lives of 23 innocent people who were just going about their day. This day began just like any other, the sun was shining and everyone was living their lives as usual. At the Walmart located at 7101 Gateway West, thousands of customers gathered to take advantage of the back to school deals. The peace was broken at 10:39 a.m. when the first distress call to 911 was received advising of an active shooter in progress. As a result, 23 people lost their lives and 24 more were badly injured. Although the victims lost their lives that day, their memory will live on forever in the hearts of their families and every person that this incident has affected. The intent from this incident was clear: one hate-filled person from outside our loving community tried to intimidate and break as many lives as he could. But he did the opposite. The person failed to realize just how strong and supportive the residents of El Paso are. El Paso and its fellow Americans displayed a toughness and resilience as we had never seen before. The tragedy prompted acts of kindness and support from the entire country. The whole nation came together and through their kindness were able to collect over six million dollars for the victims and their families. Locally, hundreds lined up at the blood donation centers across El Paso to donate blood for the victims. Endless supplies were collected to aid the victims and first responders. This day will forever remain in our minds and hearts, but it will not break us. We are, have been, and always will be **EL PASO STRONG**











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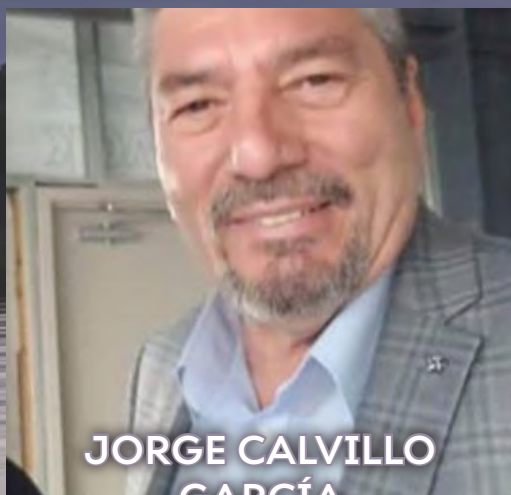
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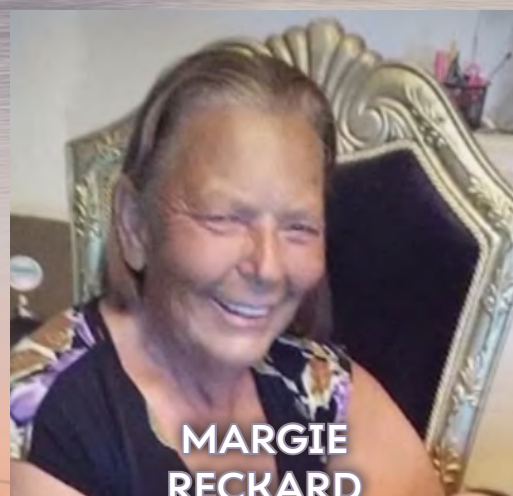


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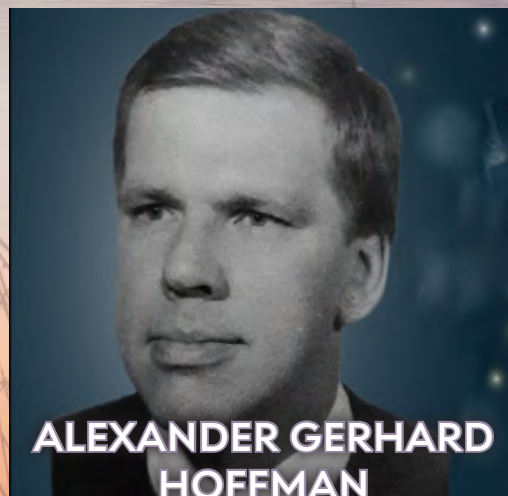
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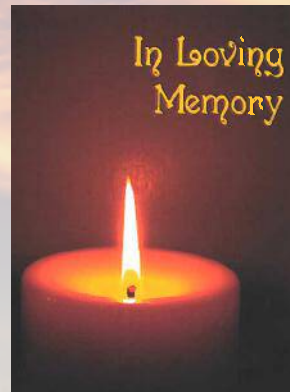
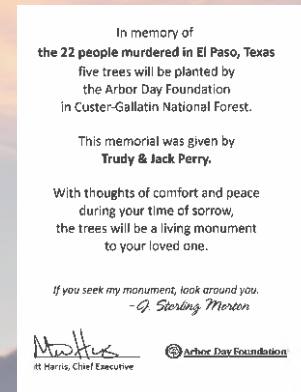
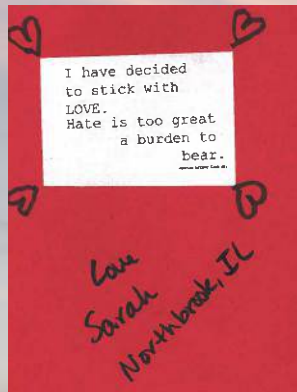


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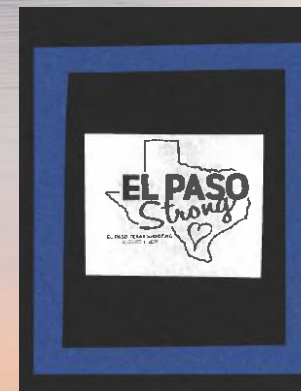
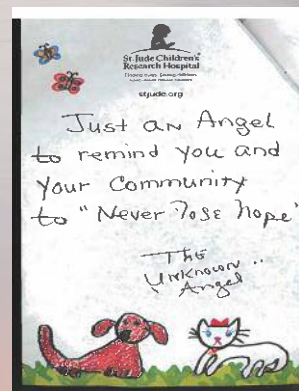
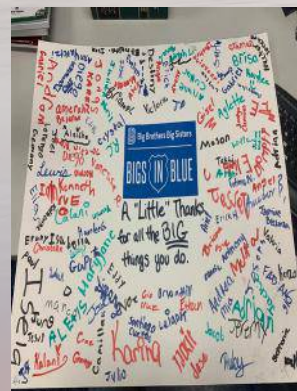
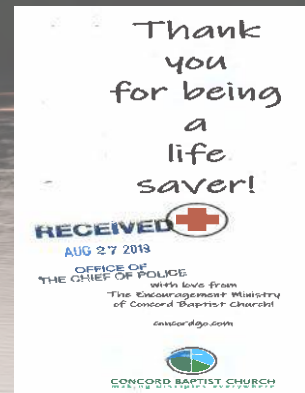
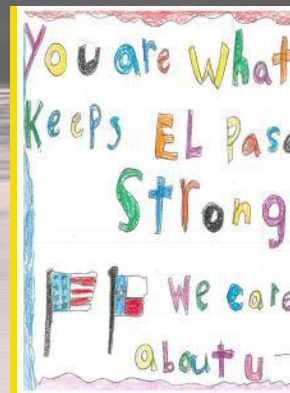
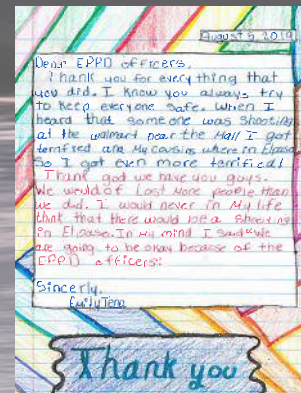
**Sadly missed along  
life's way, quietly  
remembered every  
day... No longer in  
our life to share, but  
in our hearts, you're  
always there.**

**- Unknown Author**





The overwhelming support provided by the community was received at a time when first responders were facing their worst fears and emotions. *Thank you!!!*









# ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN (LETR)

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grassroots fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics State, Provincial, National, Regional, and World Games.

The LETR was started in 1981 by Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon. His idea was to involve local law enforcement personnel in the community, creating a bond between police and the citizens. Chief LaMunyon chose the Special Olympics as his cause. The Torch Run was quickly adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The IACP is now recognized as the founding law enforcement organization for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

In 2019, the El Paso Police Department participated in several fundraisers that benefited the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge was held at the Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel and Water Park where numerous officers, families, and friends took a frigid ride down a waterslide into the ice cold pool or stood along poolside and were doused in large buckets of ice water in the Ice Bucket Challenge. Police officers and LETR participants served dinner to local Texas Roadhouse diners for the “Tip A Cop” fundraiser where all tips were donated. Cavender’s, in conjunction with organizers like El Paso Electric, the Chihuahuas baseball team, and UTEP cheerleaders, helped put together a fashion show with music and entertainment where 100% of the proceeds supported the athletes. Law enforcement officers got together for the 1st Annual Rib Eating Contest at The State Line benefiting the LETR. Teams competed against each other in the Fire Truck Pull, where the El Paso Police Department’s team took 1st Place for Most Monies Raised. Officers also participated in other fundraisers like Coffee with a Cop, Cops on Top at Krispy Kreme Donuts, and Ice Skating at the Park.

This year, one hundred law enforcement officers from around the world supported the 2019 Special Olympics by carrying



*2nd Annual Officer David Ortiz Memorial Bike Ride*



*Special Olympics Opening Ceremony*



*El Paso Cops Helping Kids Shop*



*Law Enforcement Torch Runners Send Off*





Fire Truck Pull



Buddy Walk



Car Show

the Flame of Hope. Of the 100 officers from across the world, 51 of them were from the United States and one was from Texas. The sole officer from the state of Texas selected to participate in the 2019 Special Olympics World Games was the El Paso Police Department's very own Sgt. Roberto "Care Bear" Cardenas. Sgt. Cardenas is a 20-year veteran of the Department, married to Special Education Teacher Roxana Angulo, and they have five children and one grandchild.

Law Enforcement Torch Run officers began their 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run on Sunday, March 3, 2019 and ran through all seven of the Emirates. Torch Run officers finished their runs on March 15 at the opening ceremonies. Officers had begun their days in the United Arab Emirates at 5 a.m., ran several events each day, and ended their days at 9 p.m. The teams, both officers and athletes, completed all of their daily runs together. Teams had run three or four times a day while their runs varied in distances of 1, 2, or 2.5 miles.

LETR was started with a modest \$300 raised in its inception year. Last year, the donations totaled \$60,624,609. From 1981 to 2018, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised \$794,338,526. In 2018, there were approximately 113,128 Torch Runners around the world. There were 1,050 Torch Runs, 689 Cop on Top events, 662 Tip A Cop fundraisers, and 825 various other events including Polar Plunges and Fire Truck Pulls used to raise money. The goal is to raise one billion dollars by the 40th Anniversary of LETR in 2021.

## VOLCANO'S WING DRIVES

Officer Jesus Herrera, most famously known as "Volcano", is a 26-year veteran of the Department and is assigned to the Pebble Hills Command. Ofc. Herrera has been fundraising through his now famous "Volcano Wing Drives" for the past 19 years. Ofc. Herrera began the drives to help out his fellow officers during a time of need. Officer Herrera has been able to help hundreds of officers, city employees, and their families financially when they are going through a hardship. Through donations and people's attendance, Ofc. Herrera has been able to raise anywhere from \$1,000 to \$13,000 that have been directly donated to those in need. The financial help is just one less thing that anyone going through a difficult time has to worry about.





## AUTISM & DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS PATCH & COIN

Officer James Tobias, who works out of the Pebble Hills Regional Command, raised awareness for children in the autism spectrum or with down syndrome. The patch and coin was designed with the help of fellow Officer Jorge Candia. The patch, as pictured below, has four colorful pieces of puzzle which represent those on the spectrum living their life with the Department standing guard behind them.

The Down Syndrome Patch was also designed by Officer Tobias. The patch features the numbers 3 and 21. The meaning behind these numbers is because down syndrome occurs when there is a third copy of the 21st Chromosome. Officer Tobias was inspired by his son Anakin who has down syndrome and has been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum. Through Officer Tobias' research and training provided to the Academy, an estimated 250 law enforcement officers, from recruits to officers and Sheriff's deputies, have received training on how to more effectively communicate and deal with people in our community living with disabilities.





# NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE!

## OFFICER PATRICK MARTINEZ

On May 17, 2019, Officer Patrick Martinez was in a funeral escort procession detail when he was struck by a vehicle that left serious injuries. Since the accident, Officer Martinez has been through multiple surgical procedures and countless hours of rehabilitation and therapy in order to get back in the tip top shape the officer was in before. Officer Martinez advised he feels thankful to the community for the outpouring of support received from groups such as the Choir Boys, the Borderland 100 Club, and the Cielo Vista Community. One month before the accident, Officer Martinez was inducted into the Texas Wrestling Hall Of Fame for his leadership in the Wrestling Community for being a wrestling official for 27 years. Officer Martinez is looking forward to being back on duty at the Police Department by March 13, 2020 and is determined to continue his service both to the department and the wrestling community.



## OFFICER DANIEL RODRIGUEZ

On May 23, 2019, Officer Daniel Rodriguez was working a funeral escort procession while on a police motorcycle when he was struck by an SUV and thrown off his bike. The motorcycle had come to a rest on Officer Rodriguez and a good samaritan and another officer who was also part of the funeral procession began CPR on Officer Rodriguez. He was transported to Del Sol Medical Center where he underwent surgery. During the first night at the hospital, the doctors gave Officer Rodriguez a 50/50 chance at survival. To date, Officer Rodriguez has undergone more than 10 surgeries. The Department has been in constant contact and has assisted him and his family in every way possible, including blood drives collecting approximately 92 units of blood and a wing drive fundraiser at Pebble Hills Regional Command. Officer Rodriguez received support through the Borderland 100 Club, the Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, and the North Texas Community Foundation.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## COFFEE FOR HEROES

The Immanuel Church and School invited law enforcement officers to enjoy a cup of coffee and pastries on September 27. The students and staff wanted to demonstrate their appreciation of law enforcement for responding to the August 3rd Walmart active shooter incident. Officers from multiple sections of the department showed their appreciation by stopping by to spend time with students and staff and have a coffee and pastry. The El Paso Police Department would like to thank the Immanuel Church and School for their show of support to our officers.



## COFFEE WITH A COP

The El Paso Police Department participated in the National Coffee with a Cop Day at local coffee shops. The national event was started in Hawthorne, California in 2011 and is designed to encourage communication and interactions between police officers and the community they serve. The Department has participated in the event for the past several years, which takes place the first Wednesday of October. The event has been well received within the community and the Department will continue to be part of the event for years to come.





## POLICE EXPLORER COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Mission Valley Regional Command Explorers who participated in the 2019 Texas State Explorer Competition in Arlington, Texas. The Explorers achieved 2nd place in the event of “Gang Activity Scenario” out of the 83 law enforcement agencies that attended the competition.



## 1ST ANNUAL POLICE EXPLORER SEMINAR

The Pebble Hills Public Area Representative Unit hosted the 1st Annual Police Explorer Seminar. Teenagers and young adults (ages 14-20) had a chance to get a behind the scene look at the role of a police officer. Organized by the El Paso Police Department and the Boy Scouts of America, volunteers experience law enforcement through hands-on training, competitions, and scenarios. The program strives to steer youth away from negative influences and provides them a platform to help their community.





## 52ND ANNUAL SAFETY TOWN

The El Paso Police Department, Bassett Place Mall, and other participating law enforcement and public assistance agencies participated in the 52nd Annual Safety Town. Safety Town provides children ages five- to six-years-old a safe and fun environment to learn about safety in many different topics. Among the topics covered are: bicycle safety, electrical safety, water safety, stranger danger, drug awareness, fire safety, and more. At the event, 124 students graduated from the Safety Town course. These children will not only go on to practice safety when dealing with different situations, but will show their friends and family all the safety training they received, extending the impact the course has on the community. The Safety Town event has been a tradition since 1966 and continues to grow every year with a goal of educating El Paso's youth on safety.



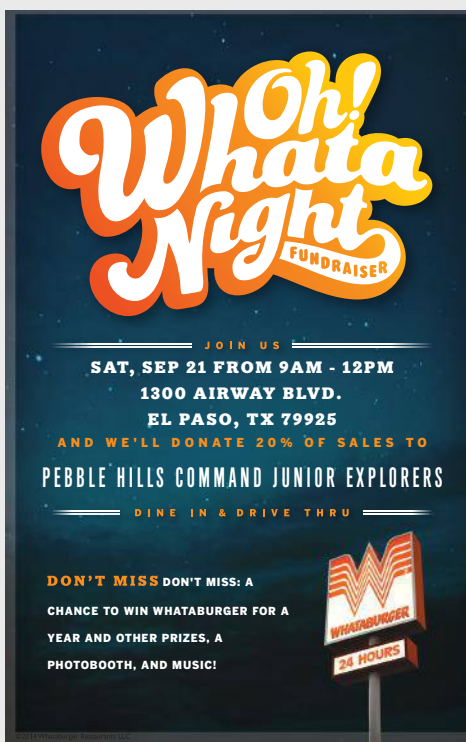


## MAKE A CHILD SMILE TOY DRIVE

Officer Raul Telles, his wife Sofia, and his homeowner's association, the Villa Valencia Homeowner's Association, started the "Make A Child Smile Toy Drive" in 2016. In it's fourth year of operation, Ofc. Telles, Sofia, and the Homeowner's Association decided to supplement the Northeast Regional Command's Angel Tree with 45 new toys from 2019's toy drive. With the vast amount of toys collected, Officer Telles, along with other agencies, coordinated a special event on December 16 to bring joy to children at the El Paso Children's Hospital. Approximately 15 officers arrived at the Children's Hospital and delivered brand new toys to the children staying on the 7th floor. Officer Esteban Villalobos heard about the Toy Drive and contacted Ofc. Telles to inform him he had extra toys he wished to donate to the cause. Thanks to the efforts of the participating officers and agencies, dozens of children had a brighter Christmas and their hearts filled with joy.



## OH! WHATA NIGHT



The El Paso Police Department Pebble Hills Regional Command Explorers, in partnership with Whataburger at 1300 Airway, held a fundraiser on September 21. Whataburger donated 20% of the profit from its sales during the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The donation collected will help the Pebble Hills Police Explorer Program raise money for their activities and educational law enforcement experiences.







## POLICE WEEK

In observance of National Police Week and in remembrance of our fellow fallen police officers lost in the line of duty, the El Paso Police Department held several events throughout the week of May 12 – 18 with a cemetery clean up, a Police Week Proclamation at City Hall, a Blue Light Vigil at Chamizal National Memorial, a Police Memorial Ceremony at Chuck Heinrich Park, and an El Paso Municipal Police Officers Association Fallen Officers Memorial Run.

This year, the El Paso Police Department Honor Guard held a private ceremony at Police Headquarters where personalized invitations from Assistant Chief Silva were hand delivered to family members of our officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Local high school law enforcement programs participated in the week-long events. The Fallen Officers Memorial Run was hosted and sponsored by 9 Rounds and Marco's Pizza, who also had family members in law enforcement die in the line of duty. Hospitals of Providence, Borderplex Realty Trust and TxDOT showed their support for Police Week. Borderplex Realty Trust lit up One Jacinto Plaza building in blue, Providence lit their locations, and TxDOT lit up parts of I-10 in blue.







## El Paso Police Department Police Week 2019

May 13th (Monday)  
Cemetery Clean Up  
9:00 a.m.

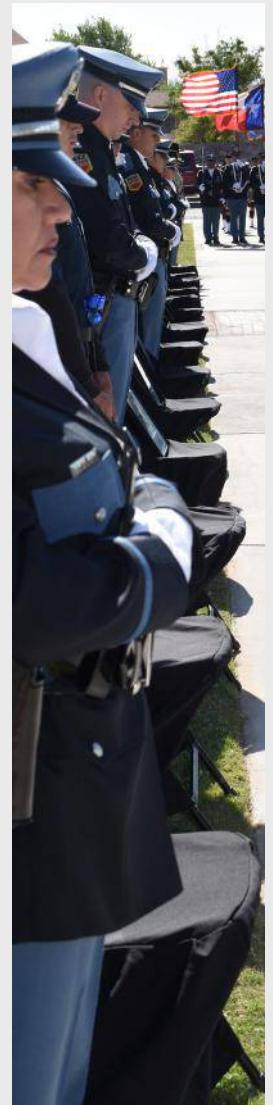
May 14th (Tuesday)  
Police Week Proclamation  
at City Hall  
9:00 a.m.

May 15th (Wednesday)  
Blue Light Vigil  
Chamizal National Memorial Park  
7:45 p.m.

May 17th (Friday)  
Police Memorial Ceremony  
Chuck Heinrich Park  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

May 18th (Saturday)  
EPMPOA  
Fallen Officers Memorial Run  
Marco's Pizza - 7560 Cimarron Park  
8:00 a.m.

Matthew 5:9  
"Blessed are the  
peacemakers, for they  
will be called children of God"





## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Department's Honor Guard paid tribute to our country's veterans by visiting Fort Bliss National Cemetery on December 18 and placing wreaths on veterans grave markers. The wreath laying ceremony was started in 2007 at Arlington National Cemetery and has expanded to 2,100 locations in all 50 U.S. states. The Department has 18 police officers who have served in the Armed Forces and are resting in the cemetery, with approximately 266 officers and civilians in the Department that are currently serving their community as passionately as they served their country. Fort Bliss is an essential part of our community and economy. It is important to honor and serve those brave men and women who sacrifice so much to protect us.





# RETIREEES

*"Retirement is not an end, but rather a new beginning..."*

*- George McHenry*

## UNIFORM

NAME	BADGE #	YEARS OF SERVICE
LT. A. JIMENEZ	1384	28
LT. B. ALVAREZ	1517	25
LT. R. PEREZ	1715	24
LT. M. ESTRADA	1988	20
SGT. H. JOHNSON	1750	23
SGT. C. SAIZ	1856	22
SGT. A. CURLEE	1904	21
DET. D. TRAWICK	1547	26
DET. M. BARANYAY	1687	24
DET. Y. NEVAREZ	1854	22
DET. M. ELIZALDE	1817	22
DET. J. SANCHEZ	1931	21
DET. B. PARRA	2029	20
OFC. L. RETA	504	44
OFC. E. SAUCEDO	686	41
OFC. L. HERNANDEZ	744	39
OFC. J. MONTELONGO	776	37
OFC. J. MORENO	1446	27
OFC. M. HIGDON	1500	26
OFC. I. APODACA	1870	22
OFC. E. RAMIREZ	1962	21
OFC. J. MORGAN	2021	20
OFC. J. POWELL	2655	12

## CIVILIAN

NAME	BADGE #	YEARS OF SERVICE
M. MARTINEZ	C404	31
B. DURAN	C663	27
J. CLOUSER	C711	25
A. LUNA	C1731	12



**K-9 ALASDAIR**  
DATES OF SERVICE  
**09/20/2015 - 07/17/2019**

K-9 Alasdair was a police service dog that did a police officers job just like the rest of us. Only he didn't possess human flaws that we all have and was relentless in his service with never a complaint or a single grievance. Our service dogs work for love and praise. They face real danger and protect other officers and citizens simply because that's what they're trained to do.



**K-9 LION**  
DATES OF SERVICE  
**06/24/2011 - 03/06/2017**

K-9 Lion became a member of the El Paso Police Department in 2011. He was partnered with Officer Zamora in 2013 with some reluctance, since Lion had been partnered with another officer who retired. Not knowing what to expect, Ofc. Zamora gave Lion his full commitment, as he always does, and we all witnessed a complete change in Lion. The partnership flourished and the bond grew. Officer Zamora and Lion were partners until Lions retirement from the department in March 2017 and then became a full time member of the Zamora family where he was loved and well taken care of.



# END OF WATCH



Thomas Moad  
Asst. City Marshal  
July 11, 1883



Newton Stewart  
Officer  
Feb 17, 1900



William Paschal  
Officer  
Dec 4, 1914



Gus Chitwood  
Officer  
Feb 13, 1915



Sydney J. Benson  
Officer  
June 28, 1917



Juan N. Garcia, Jr.  
Special Police Agent  
Feb 1, 1918



Octaviano Perea  
Officer  
Feb 2, 1918



George F. Drake  
Officer  
Sept 22, 1918



Harry Phoenix  
Captain  
June 13, 1921



Frank Burns  
Detective  
April 12, 1923



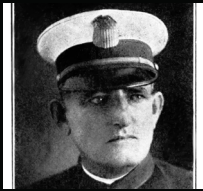
Enrique Rivera  
Special Officer  
Nov 25, 1923



John J. Coleman  
Detective  
July 14, 1924



Lynn McClintock  
Officer  
Oct 2, 1926



Schuyler C. Houston  
Captain  
Oct 4, 1927



Ralph Marmolejo  
Detective  
Mar 17, 1951



Warren Mitchell  
Officer  
May 16, 1953



Guillermo Sanchez  
Detective  
Dec 14, 1957



Arthur Lavender  
Officer  
Dec 16, 1966



Roger Hamilton  
Officer  
June 21, 1970



Guy Myers  
Officer  
July 24, 1970



David Bannister  
Officer  
June 3, 1974



Wayne Carreon  
Officer  
June 27, 1980



Charles Heinrich  
Detective  
Aug 29, 1985



Norman Montion  
Detective  
Oct 16, 1989



Ernesto Serna  
Officer  
Nov 12, 1991



A. Andrew Barcena  
Officer  
Sept 25, 2004



Karl McDonough  
Officer  
Oct 13, 2010



Jonathan K. Molina  
Officer  
Oct 5, 2012



Angel D. Garcia  
Officer  
Dec 16, 2012



Adrian Arellano  
Officer  
Mar 18, 2015



David Ortiz  
Officer  
Mar 14, 2016

*There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains. - Unknown*

# MS. BEA ANGUIANO

Ms. Bea, as she was affectionately known, was a Police Records Specialist assigned to Police Headquarters. Ms. Bea was featured in the “Your City in 5” YouTube program in 2018 for being the longest tenured employee for the City of El Paso. Coworkers and friends of Ms. Bea described her as “dedicated and passionate about her job” with the Department. Ms. Anguiano passed shortly after retiring at the age of 93. The Mayor and City Council held a moment of silence at the City Council Meeting on July 9 in honor of her service to the community. The Department’s Honor Guard was present at the funeral in appreciation for Ms. Bea’s more than 50 years of service to the citizens of El Paso.

Thank you Ms. Beatrice Anguiano for you for your dedicated and loyal service  
to the El Paso Police Department.



**BEATRICE ANGUIANO**  
**1925 - 2019**



# A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

In November of 2019, the El Paso residents voted to approve the issuance of \$413,122,650 general obligation bonds for public safety facilities to improve and build new police facilities. Below are the architect's preliminary renderings.

## POLICE HEADQUARTERS



## PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY & FIRE LOGISTICS



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